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FOR: DATA INPUT APPARATUS, DATA

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INPUT SYSTEM, DISPLAYED DATA

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ANALYZING APPARATUS AND MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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- 1 25. (Newly Added) In a monitoring system including a plurality of
- 2 differing measuring devices, each measuring a parameter of an object and
- 3 displaying a parameter value on a display, a method of recording the parameter
- 4 value from each measuring device comprising the steps of:
- 5 (a) identifying each respective measuring device;
- 6 (b) scanning a display of the measuring device identified in step
- 7 (a) to extract a parameter value displayed on the display; and
- 8 (c) inputting the parameter value extracted in step (b) to a data
- 9 collection terminal.
- 1 26. (Newly Added) The monitoring system of claim 25 wherein step (a)
- 2 includes forming a marker on the display and identifying the respective measuring
- 3 device by scanning the marker.